



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Week of Jan 30	Conferences
Jan 30	One School, One Book Begins
Feb 2 & 3	Half-Days (Dismissal at 11:00am)
Feb 7	4th & 5th Grade Arts Showcase
Feb 9	Brooks BRAVO Field Trip
Feb 18	PTO Pancake Breakfast
Feb 20	No School - Presidents Day
April 3	Science Fair

Dear Families,

Due to conferences, students will be dismissed at 11:00am on Thursday, February 2nd and Friday, February 3rd. Please plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Students and special area staff have been working hard to prepare for the 4th and 5th Grade Specials Night which will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 6 p.m. Please have students attend the specials night dressed casually (no dress shoes) so they can dance for music and move for P.E.! If any of you are interested in helping with the event (traffic flow, fund raising, video taping, etc.) please email Mrs. Karia at akaria@op97.org.

Specials

Art - Most 5th Graders have artwork on display at the Oak Park Public Library through the month of December. Come see our surrealistic self-portraits completed in the style of Renaissance artist Arcimboldo Giuseppe. The artwork is downstairs in the "Art Alcove" in the Children's Section. www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com

Music - The 5th Grade Specials Night is coming on Tuesday, February 7th. Please save the date! (More information to come later)

Spanish - Students are working with the story *Carlos y los Tres Monstruos*.
www.mpoleski.blogspot.com

Library - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education - Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature

TREASURES - UNIT 3

Big Idea: Using Your Wits

(You can use your intelligence and creativity to solve problems.)

Theme: Challenges

How can using your wits help you solve difficult problems?

Comprehension Skill:

Comprehension Strategy:

Vocabulary:

Language Arts

Writing Focus: This week we will continue working on our expository essay writing project. Students will write about their favorite restaurant and what makes it so special. The rough draft is due February 9th, and the final draft is due February 17th.

Grammar Focus:

Math

This week, we will finish our unit on Geometry and Measurement. The unit test will be this Friday and students will review in class on Thursday. Students will get a review sheet on Thursday. We will spend the early part of the week working on volume of prisms. In order to calculate volume of a prism, students will calculate the area of the base and multiply by the height of the prism.

It is important that every 5th grade student has a calculator. Because of its fraction capabilities, we recommend the TI-15 calculator. We still have some available for purchase at a cost of \$16.

Science

Graded Variables quizzes were returned to students today. This past Friday was the deadline for students to turn in their testable questions for Science Fair. Ask your student about his/her Science Fair project. Many came up with very interesting ideas. Students who have not yet submitted a testable question must do so as soon as possible in order to stay on track for Science Fair. Our next step will be to conduct research, develop a hypothesis and draft an experimental procedure. The hypothesis and procedure are due February 10.

Last week, students constructed pendulums and conducted controlled experiments to determine the effect on the outcome of changing a variable. This week, we will be focusing on graphing coordinates on a 4-quadrant grid.

Social Studies

This week we will begin our study of the American Revolution. Included in this study will be an in-class project detailing the important figures of the revolution, battles, and significant events. Students also will memorize Longfellow's poem *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere* as a class, with each student taking a stanza. We will record the finished product in a few weeks and post it to the social studies wiki.

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